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TAGS: EMIN, TU  
SUBJECT:USG INTEREST IN TURKISH CHROMITE ORE  
REF: ANKARA 2044

1. AT RECENT MEETING OF UNCTAD COMMODITIES COMMITTEE  
(GENEVA FEB 10-21) TURKISH DELEGATE (ELGIN) STATED  
THAT GOT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN "INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS"  
IN UNCTAD FOR CHROME (AND MERCURY). IN SUBSEQUENT PRIVATE  
CONVERSATION USDEL QUERIED ELGIN ON REASONS FOR WANTING  
INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS AND SUGGESTED THAT IF TURKEY HAD  
PROBLEMS OF MARKETING CHROME IT SHOULD CONSIDER POSSIBILITY  
OF EXPANDING SALES IN US. IT WAS AGREED THAT IT MIGHT BE  
USEFUL FOR TURKISH EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE IN WASHINGTON  
TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH CHIEF OF EB/ISM.

2. PURPOSE OF USDEL SUGGESTION WAS TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY  
OF DIVERSIFYING US SOURCES OF CHROME SUPPLY IN EVENT OF  
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AND IN SUPPORT OF REPEAL OF BYRD AMENDMENT. REPEAL WOULD

HAVE EFFECT OF ENDING US IMPORTS OF RHODESIAN CHROMITE AND FERROCHROME, AND IS OPPOSED BY US STAINLESS STEEL MAKERS ON GROUNDS OF LACK OF ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATE SOURCES. USG WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO BECOME PURCHASER BUT WOULD BE ABLE TO ASSIST IN PROMOTING TURKISH CHROMITE SALES IN US MARKET, WHICH COULD BECOME SUBSTANTIAL IF RHODESIAN SUPPLIES ARE CUT OFF THROUGH REPEAL OF BYRD AMENDMENT.

3. WE HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER DATED FEB. 28 FROM ETIBANK ANKARA INFORMING US, WITH REFERENCE TO THE GENEVA DISCUSSION, THAT "WE HAVEN'T ANY CHROME ORE STOCKS REMAINING" AND SUGGESTING WE GET IN TOUCH WITH SALES AGENT IN NEW YORK.

4. IF TURKEY DOES NOT HAVE PROBLEM OF FINDING MARKETS FOR CHROME, AND CONSIDERING CURRENT ADVANTAGEOUS PRICES, WE ARE CURIOUS ABOUT REASON FOR SUGGESTING INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS IN UNCTAD. IF TURKEY DOES HAVE PROBLEMS OR TURKISH CHROMITE IS AVAILABLE, WE WOULD STILL BE INTERESTED IN EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING GREATER TURKISH PARTICIPATION IN US MARKET. INGERSOLL

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